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Our Ref: 1581.0890000/RWE

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1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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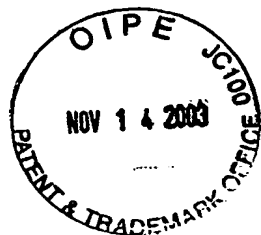
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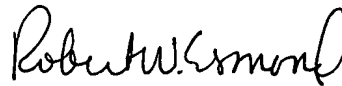
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